

CLAIMS

1.

A padlock comprising:

- a moulded plastics lock body having therein an open-ended passage and an opening spaced from the passage; and
- a hasp which has first and second spaced apart legs, an end of the first leg being locatable in the passage through a first end thereof and an end of the second leg being locatable simultaneously in the opening, the end of the first leg in the passage being engagable by a breakable seal inserted into the passage through an opposite, second end thereof to lock the hasp relative to the lock body.

2.

A padlock according to claim 1 wherein the lock body is of one-piece, moulded plastics construction.

3.

A padlock according to claim 2 wherein the lock body has a thickness of 8mm or less.

4.

A padlock according to any one of the preceding claims wherein the hasp is attached to the lock body by a cord or the like.

5.

A padlock according to any one of claims 1 to 3 wherein the hasp is attached to the lock body in a manner allowing sliding and pivotal movement of the hasp relative to the lock body.

6.

A padlock according to claim 5 wherein the hasp is attached to the lock body by a transverse rivet engaging the lock body and passing through a slot in the hasp.

7.

A padlock according to any one of the preceding claims wherein the first leg of the hasp body has a cavity therein which is located in the passage when the end of this leg is located in the passage and into which an insertion portion of the seal is clipped in use in order to lock the hasp relative to the lock body.

8.

A padlock according to claim 7 wherein the lock body has a recess therein into which the second end of the passage opens, the recess being arranged to accommodate a tab portion of the seal when the insertion portion thereof is clipped into the cavity.

9.

A padlock according to claim 7 or claim 8 wherein the cavity is defined partly by a pair of opposing, inclined tabs at the end of the first leg of the hasp.

10.

A padlock according to any one of the preceding claims wherein the hasp is made of steel.

11.

A padlock according to any one of the preceding claims wherein the opening in which the end of the second leg of the hasp is locatable is a blind opening in the lock body.

12.

A padlock combination comprising a padlock according to any one of the preceding claims and a breakable seal having an insertion portion which can be engaged, by movement of the seal through the second end of the passage, with the end of the first leg of the hasp when this end is located in the passage, thereby to lock the hasp relative to the lock body.

13.

A padlock combination according to claim 12 wherein the insertion portion of the seal is shaped to clip into a cavity in the end of the first leg of the hasp.

14.

A padlock combination according to claim 13 wherein the breakable seal has a tab portion connected at a breakable connection to the insertion portion, the tab portion being arranged to locate in a recess in the lock body, into which the second end of the passage opens, when the insertion portion of the seal is clipped into the cavity.

15.

A padlock combination according to claim 14 wherein the cavity in the end of the first leg of the hasp is defined partly by a pair of opposing, inclined tabs and the tab portion of the seal includes an upstanding wall which is recessed to receive the tabs when the insertion portion of the seal is clipped into the cavity.